

'Care package' drive successful

Organizers are describing the Staff Senate-sponsored "care package" drive to support United States troops as a success. The effort collected 167 pounds of contributions, comprised mainly of personal hygiene items and packaged food.

"Once again, the people of NDSU have been generous to the troops," said Heather Heger, drive coordinator and library associate, noting that the drive is looking for monetary donations to help defray shipping costs. "We had a similar drive last year, and the people in our area continue to be very good about giving."

The drive, which was completed Dec. 31, placed collection boxes at several campus locations, including the Main Library, Chemistry Library, Health Sciences Library, Architecture and Landscape Architecture Library and the Memorial Union administrative office.

Plans call for the collected items to be distributed to troops for Valentine's Day.

For more information, contact Heger at 1-8293 or heather.heger@ndsu.edu.

Researchers study effects of alcohol on depth perception

A recently published neuroscience study by NDSU researchers provides insight on depth perception and drunk driving.

The study, conducted by Mark Nawrot, associate professor of psychology, illustrates ways in which a particular type of depth perception called motion parallax is disrupted by ethanol intoxication. The study is reported in the December issue of *Psychological Science*.

According to Nawrot, the goal of the NDSU neuroscience researchers is to understand the role of eye movements in depth perception. He and researchers Benita Nordenstrom and Amy Olson used alcohol intoxication to disrupt the brain's control of eye movements and then study the impact on depth perception.

He said that while the study revealed some important facts regarding brain function, eye movements and depth perception, results of the study help explain why driving while intoxicated can be so dangerous.

"In addition to other well-known problems such as impaired decision-making, poor coordination and balance, the study shows that intoxicated drivers have difficulty judging the relative depth of objects that they are trying to avoid while driving," Nawrot said. "That inability to judge the depth or distance from the driver's vehicle to a tree, a light pole or another vehicle, for example, can result in accidents."

Nawrot added that the study of ethanol's effect on eye movement could lead to a better understanding of the precise blood alcohol levels at which drivers become impaired. The recent study was part of a four-year project funded by the National Institutes of Health-National Eye Institute.

The study has received the attention of several media outlets worldwide, including the New York Times, CNN, British Broadcasting Corp., Canadian Broadcasting Corp., and publications in Russia, Turkey, Germany, India, Asia and Switzerland. Nawrot's work also has appeared in *Journal of Vision* and *Vision Research*.

Business office closed Jan. 25

The Business Office will be closed Tuesday, Jan. 25, for financial aid disbursement. Departments are asked to hold their deposits until Wednesday, Jan. 26.

'It's Happening' holiday deadline reminder

Due to the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday Jan. 17, the deadline for the Jan. 19 issue of "It's Happening at State" is today.

Next Issue

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Nominees sought for alumni awards

The NDSU Alumni Association is seeking nominations for the Horizon, Alumni Achievement and Heritage Awards. The honors will be presented to three or four outstanding alumni during the 2005 Homecoming Honors Dinner on Friday, Oct. 21.

The Horizon Award recognizes alumni who have graduated within the past 10 years and have attained success in their profession or have been engaged in outstanding community service.

The Alumni Achievement Award recognizes alumni who have attained outstanding professional accomplishments.

The Heritage Award for Alumni Service recognizes alumni who have provided outstanding volunteer service for the benefit of NDSU.

For criteria and nomination materials, visit www.ndsualumni.com or go directly to the awards form at www.ndsualumni.com/programs/alumniawards.htm. For information, contact Marilyn Doeden at 1-6808 or marilyn@ndsualumni.com.

Nominations are due March 1.

Development Foundation accepting grant applications

The NDSU Development Foundation Grants and Awards Committee is accepting applications from faculty and staff for grants from four funds for the 2004-05 academic year. The application deadline is Friday, Jan. 14.

The Centennial Endowment Fund can provide maximum awards of \$5,000, with a total of \$15,560 available. It supports professorships, scholarships, biotechnology, faculty development, libraries and cultural arts.

The NDSU Development Foundation Board of Trustees Endowment can provide maximum awards of \$1,000, with a total of \$3,000 available. It supports general programs across campus.

The NDSU Development Foundation Libraries Endowment has \$2,238 available. It supports requests from any academic unit on campus for materials that will enhance the collections or operations of university libraries.

The NDSU Development Foundation Gordon A. Larson Agricultural Research Fund has \$9,715 available. The fund has no maximum award amount and supports competitive grants for agricultural research efforts conducted at NDSU.

Faculty and staff can obtain copies of application forms for all four awards at the foundation's Web site at www.ndsufoundation.com/grants.htm. The foundation will notify applicants of funding decisions prior to April 15.

Libraries holiday hours announced

Due to the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, all NDSU Libraries and the Institute for Regional Studies will be closed Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 15-16. The Main Library will be open from 1 p.m.-midnight Monday, Jan. 17. Branch libraries will be open from 5-10 p.m., and the Institute for Regional Studies will be closed. Regular academic hours resume Tuesday, Jan. 18.

For a current listing of hours consult the Libraries' Web page at www.lib.ndsu.nodak.edu, use the HRS command on the online catalog or call the information tape at 1-9456.

People

Macintosh, Elder named to business administration positions

Jay A. Leitch, dean of business administration, has announced the appointment of Gerrard "Gerry" Macintosh as chair of the Department of Management, Marketing and Finance. The announcement was made Oct. 6.

A native of Cando, N.D., Macintosh was an associate professor at the University of Manitoba before joining NDSU in 1997. Macintosh teaches sales management, service marketing and works with executive education programs, and his research focus is on interpersonal relationships in marketing, decision making in selling and the effects of knowledge and expertise on sales performance. His articles have been published in the *Journal of Personal Selling and Sales Management*, the *Journal of Services Marketing* and the *Journal of Retailing and Consumer Services*.

Macintosh was awarded the college's Service Award in 1999 and the Excellence in Research Award in 2001. He is a member of the American Marketing Association and chairs the new building design committee.

Leitch also has announced the appointment of John Elder, associate professor of finance, as associate dean for graduate and executive education. The announcement was made Jan. 1.

Elder started at NDSU in 2000. Prior to that, he taught at the University of Virginia and Middlebury College. He has a doctorate from the University of Virginia. His teaching experience includes executive education seminars and courses in investment management, corporate finance, derivative securities, financial econometrics and macroeconomics.

His research focuses on asset pricing, and has been cited by practitioners and textbooks. He was awarded the college's Excellence in Research Award in 2003.

Elder holds the Chartered Financial Analyst designation, and serves on the investment advisory committee for the asset management division of State Bank and Trust, Fargo, and on the *Journal of Economics and Finance* board of editors.

Martens, Ramsay contribute book chapter on Great Plains architecture

Steve Martens and Ronald L.M. Ramsay, associate professors of architecture, contributed a chapter on architecture of the Great Plains to "The Great Plains Region: Encyclopedia of American Regional Culture," recently released as part of an eight-volume series published by Greenwood Press.

The architecture chapter draws upon the pair's research activities and familiarity with the Great Plains, emphasizing environmental context, design methods and tradition or ethnicity as influences on buildings historically and in contemporary designed landscapes.

The book also includes chapters on regional literature, art, music, food traditions, folklore and other cultural customs. Each volume includes a resource guide with Web links to multimedia reference source materials and regional library collections, including the North Dakota Institute for Regional Studies.

According to the publishers, the series is "the first book project of any kind, reference or otherwise, to examine cultural regionalism throughout the United States." The series is intended as a comprehensive resource for high school students, university researchers and other academic scholars interested in regional cultural expression.

More information about the series is planned for Greenwood's Web site at www.greenwood.com. For more information, contact the authors at Steve.Martens@ndsu.edu.

HD&E workshops, publications listed

Angie Milakovic, Extension specialist; Joe Courneya, 4-H youth development specialist; John Nowatzki, geospatial technical specialist in Extension agriculture and biosystems engineering; and Grand Forks county extension agent Dan Driessen presented the workshop "N.D. SCYTT (Self-Contained Youth Teaching Trunks)," at a meeting of the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents held recently in Oklahoma City.

"Lighting for Independence and Well-Being: Designing Universally for Baby Boomers," an article by Susan Ray-Degges, associate professor in apparel, design, facility and hospitality management, was published in the winter 2004 issue of ASID Minnesota Design Directions.

Lisa Montplaisir, assistant professor of biological sciences, and Debra Tomanek published the article "Students' Studying Approaches to Learning in Introductory Biology" in Cell Biology Education. The article is available at www.cellbioed.org.

Student to attend Beta Gamma Sigma forum

Senior Dan Hodgson is scheduled to represent the NDSU chapter of Beta Gamma Sigma at the Spring 2005 Student Leadership Forum in Chicago Feb. 3-6. Beta Gamma Sigma is an honor society serving business programs accredited by AACSB International—The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.

The forum guides participants as they explore leadership styles. Participants will work with other student leaders, engage in a variety of interactive settings and attend informational lectures and presentations. This will be the sixth leadership forum hosted by Beta Gamma Sigma.

Beta Gamma Sigma chapters are located at 419 college and university campuses and recognize the academic achievements of business students.

Events

The Second City comedy troupe to appear at NDSU

Chicago's legendary The Second City comedy theatre touring company is scheduled to appear at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20, in Festival Concert Hall. The company's 45th anniversary tour is set to feature some of the most well-known sketches, songs and improvisations in Second City history.

Founded in Chicago in 1959, The Second City has become the premier training ground for the comedy's best and brightest entertainers. The company's alumni includes Mike Nichols, Elaine May, Alan Arkin, Joan Rivers, Robert Klein, Peter Boyle, Harold Ramis, John Belushi, Dan Aykroyd, Bill Murray, Gilda Radner, George Wendt, Martin Short, John Candy, Shelley Long, Chris Farley, Mike Myers and several others.

Tickets are \$20 each and can be purchased by calling the fine arts box office at 1-7969 and at all Ticketmaster locations. The event is sponsored by NDSU's Division of Fine Arts.

LCT presents 'Marcus is Walking: Scenes from the Road'

NDSU's Little Country Theater is set to present "Marcus is Walking: Scenes from the Road" by Joan Ackermann in performances scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24-Saturday, Feb. 26, and Thursday, March 3-Saturday, March 5; and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, in Walsh Studio Theatre. A staff free preview also is planned for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23.

The whimsical and touching adventure was written to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the automobile. Ackerman's offbeat comedy invites the audience to hop in for the ultimate road trip as she explores themes of control, navigation, love and escape during 11 vignettes written to take place in and around the car.

Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors, \$8 for non-NDSU students and \$4 for NDSU students. Tickets are available by calling the fine arts box office at 1-7969.

World I View presentations scheduled

The Office of International Program has scheduled the first World I View presentation of spring semester for noon Thursday, Jan. 20, in the Memorial Union Peace Garden Room.

Vijay Shanmugasundaram, part-time lecturer in civil engineering, will present "Confluence," a discussion on a variety of topics about his home country of India.

The following World I View presentations also have been scheduled for spring semester. All presentations will begin at noon in the Memorial Union Peace Garden Room unless otherwise noted.

- Thursday, Feb. 3—Korea, presented by Jin Young Park;
- Thursday, Feb. 17—Cameroon, co-sponsored by Multicultural Student Services and the Black Student Organization;
- Thursday, March 3—Kyrgyzstan, presented by Rosa Yunusova;
- Wednesday, March 30—international students panel discussion as part of International Week;
- Friday, April 1—Nepal, presented by Ashish Thapa and Kuldeep KC as part of International Week;
- Thursday, April 7—to be announced
- Thursday, April 21—to be announced

For more information, visit www.ndsu.nodak.edu/international, or contact Todd Karr, associate director of international programs, at 1-8260 or todd.karr@ndsu.edu.

NPEI statistics public forum set

The Northern Plains Ethics Institute is scheduled to present a public forum titled "The Ethics of Numbers: The Use and Abuse of Statistics" at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26, in the Memorial Union's Century Theater.

Panelists will include Charles Harter, professor and chair of accounting and information systems; Donald Miller, professor and chair of pharmacy practice; Richard Rathge, professor of sociology and director of the North Dakota State Census Data Center; Herbert Snyder, associate professor of accounting and information systems; and James Danielson, Minnesota State University Moorhead professor of political science.

"Most people rely on objective statistics to make their most important decisions. However, recent actions by federal agencies and others demonstrate that numbers can be manipulated to distort reality. As a result, decisions affecting people's lives may be based on misleading information," explained John Helgeland, NPEI director and professor of history and religion. "The NPEI's public forum on the ethics of numbers will examine how the use of statistics affects ethical and social issues of the Northern Plains and beyond."

According to Helgeland, the public is encouraged to attend.

For further information, contact Helgeland at 1-7026 or John.Helgeland@ndsu.edu, or Dennis Cooley, NPEI associate director, at 1-7038 or Dennis.Cooley@ndsu.edu.

Sander exhibit on display at NDSU Downtown

A sculpture exhibit by NDSU alumnus Richard "Dick" Sander will be on display Saturday, Jan. 15-Tuesday, Feb. 15, at NDSU Downtown. A reception is scheduled for 2-4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21. The exhibit is sponsored by the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.

Sander graduated from NDSU in 1952 with a degree in mechanical engineering. After a career in aerospace engineering, culminating as senior vice president of Lockheed-Martin, he became interested in art when his brother gave him 20 pounds of clay and a book on sculpture upon his retirement.

For more information, contact Keri Drinka, director of college advancement in science and mathematics, at 1-6131.

Shorts and Reminders**Union Food Court specials for Jan. 12-19****Soup of the day**

Wednesday: zesty Italian and knoepla

Thursday: tomato and Southwest chicken chili

Friday: minestrone and beer cheese

Monday: cream of broccoli and turkey rice

Tuesday: beer cheese and chicken noodle

Wednesday: cheeseburger and vegetarian vegetable

The Corner Deli

Wednesday: Southwest wrap

Thursday: turkey

Friday: egg salad

Monday: ham

Tuesday: roast beef

Wednesday: All-American wrap

A La Carte

Wednesday: carved roast beef

Thursday: fried chicken

Friday: pan-fried cod

Monday: beef pepper steak

Tuesday: Swiss steak

Wednesday: carved honey glazed ham

Pizza Express

Wednesday: taco

Thursday: Red River

Friday: gourmet veggie

Monday: Thundar

Tuesday: meat lovers

Wednesday: Southwestern chicken

The Union Grab and Go hot entrée

Wednesday: beef pepper steak

Thursday: meat loaf

Friday: veggie lasagna

Monday: pork loin

Tuesday: fried chicken

Wednesday: grilled chicken alfredo

Hot wrap (available in Grab and Go)

Wednesday: ham and cheese

Thursday: chicken Cordon Bleu

Friday: barbecue chicken

Monday: chicken strip

Tuesday: Philly steak

Wednesday: Italian

Entrée salad (available in Grab and Go)

Wednesday: popcorn chicken

Thursday: taco

Friday: chicken Caesar

Monday: turkey Cobb

Tuesday: Southwest chicken

Wednesday: popcorn chicken

Items are subject to change without notice. Call the Dining Services Lunch Line at 1-9501 to check out the daily specials. Questions or comments may be dropped in the suggestion boxes located in each dining center and the Union Food Court or call Shelly at the Union Buffet at 1-8122.

Positions Available

Positions open and screening dates through the Office of Human Resources, Room 205, Old Main:

Cook/#1085

12 months; 40 hours/week

M-F; 6 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; occasional weekends

Dining Services-Union Dining Center

\$9.25+/hour

Open until filled

Catering Attendant/#5906

12-months; 40 hours/week

Sunday-Saturday; hours vary; not traditional NDSU business hours

Dining Services-Union Dining Center

\$7.65+/hour

Open until filled

Grant and Contracting Officer

Restricted Fund Accounting

Salary commensurate with experience

Jan. 14

Fire Management Coordinator/#3585

N.D. Forest Service

Bismarck, N.D.

\$30,744+/year

Jan. 31

Position openings also are available through the NDSU Web site at www.ndsu.edu/jobs.

Calendar

January

- 12 Wild sunflower research symposium, Ramada Plaza Suites, Fargo
- 14 Physics—Guoai Pan, post-doctoral research fellow, soft matter seminar “Dissipative Particle Dynamics Simulation of Polymers,” 2 p.m., South Engineering 212C
- 14 Animal and range sciences—Lawrence P. Reynolds, Center for Nutrition and Pregnancy director and professor of animal and range sciences, “Understanding the Basis of Fetal Programming of Adult Disease: Sheep Models of Compromised Pregnancy,” 3 p.m., Hultz 104
- 15 Women’s basketball vs. Valley City State University, 7 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 17 Martin Luther King Jr. holiday—university closed
- 18 Women’s basketball vs. Dakota Wesleyan, 6 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 18 Men’s basketball vs. Dakota Wesleyan, 8 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 20 USDA-ARS—Tim Friesen, USDA laboratory research plant pathologist, “Pathogen-Produced Host Selective Toxins and Their Significance in the Wheat-*Stagonospora nodorum* Interaction,” 10 a.m., Northern Crop Science Laboratory large conference room
- 21 Animal and range sciences—Gerald Combs, director, USDA-ARS Grand Forks Human Nutrition Center, “Developing High Selenium Foods,” 3 p.m., Hultz 104
- 22 Wrestling vs. Northern Colorado, 7:30 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 24 Men’s basketball vs. Southwest Minnesota State University, 7 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 26 Men’s basketball vs. the University of Minnesota-Crookston, 7 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 28 Wrestling vs. Minnesota State University Moorhead, 7:30 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 29 Women’s basketball vs. Montana State-Billings, 7 p.m., Bison Sports Arena

February

- 1 Men’s basketball vs. Northern State University, 7 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 5 Women’s basketball vs. Si Tanka University-Huron, 2 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 5 Men’s basketball vs. Si Tanka University-Huron, 4 p.m., Bison Sports Arena

- 10 Wrestling vs. the University of Northern Iowa, 7:30 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 11 Men’s basketball vs. Mayville State University, 7 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 12 Men’s basketball vs. Upper Iowa University, 7 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 17 Women’s basketball vs. Minnesota State University, Mankato, 6 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 19 Women’s basketball vs. Upper Iowa University, 6 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 21 President’s Day holiday—university closed
- 23 Free staff preview of Little Country Theatre’s “Marcus is Walking: Scenes from the Road,” 7:30 p.m., Walsh Studio Theatre
- 24-27 Little Country Theatre presents “Marcus is Walking: Scenes from the Road,” 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, Walsh Studio Theatre
- 25 Wrestling vs. South Dakota State University, 7:30 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 26 Women’s basketball vs. South Dakota State University, 6 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 26 Men’s basketball vs. South Dakota State University, 8 p.m. Bison Sports Arena

March

- 3-5 Little Country Theatre presents “Marcus is Walking: Scenes from the Road,” 7:30 p.m., Walsh Studio Theatre
- 6 Women’s basketball vs. Grand Canyon University, 1:30 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 14-18 Spring break

April

- 13 Free staff preview of Little Country Theatre’s “The Beggar’s Opera,” 7:30 p.m., Askanase Auditorium
- 14-16 Little Country Theatre presents “The Beggar’s Opera,” 7:30 p.m., Askanase Auditorium
- 21-23 Little Country Theatre presents “The Beggar’s Opera,” 7:30 p.m., Askanase Auditorium

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